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Timely Tidbits ...**First Day of School**

Just a reminder that the first day of classes for all Romulus Community Schools students will be on Tuesday, September 5. Call the district's administrative office (734-532-1600) for more info.

Absentee Ballots

Voters who plan to vote an absentee ballot for the August 8 primary election, but have not yet requested one from the Romulus City Clerk, may obtain an application by calling 734-942-7540 or visiting http://www.michigan.gov/documents/AbsentVoterBallot_105377_7.pdf for a printable version and full instructions.

Applications should be delivered by hand or mailed to: Clerk's Office, City of Romulus, 11111 S. Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174.

Blood Drive

Donors are needed for an American Red Cross blood drive to be held at Romulus High School (9650 S. Wayne Rd., just north of I-94) on Thursday, August 10, from 12 to 6 p.m. For more information, call Tiffani at 313-790-2743.

Crafters Sought

Crafters and artists are invited to participate in St. Stephen's 57th annual Polish Festival, to be held August 18–20 at the church (18858 Huron River Dr., New Boston). For information on table rentals in this air-conditioned venue, please call Rosalie at 734-941-4304.

Curves for Charity

Aubrey and Helen McNally, owners of the Romulus Curves for Women (36015 Goddard), are working with the American Cellular Donation Organization to raise money for a good cause. The couple have designated their fitness center as a drop-off point for donations of used cell phones, which the ACDO will recycle, if nonworking, or refurbish and resell, if functional. Proceeds from the sales will benefit Hospice of Michigan.

For more information, call the McNallys at 734-941-0900. □

Board Approves "Limited Schools of Choice" Plan for Halecreek, Merriman Elementaries

A limited "Schools of Choice" plan for two of the district's six elementary schools was unanimously approved by the Romulus Board of Education on July 24. The plan calls for Halecreek and Merriman – both located on the district's south side, between Eureka and Pennsylvania – to accept enrollment of a small number of students from outside the schools' normal attendance area.

Halecreek will have five openings in every grade except the third, which will have two, while Merriman will have two openings in each grade.

"We are going to do a test run on the Schools of Choice program in Romulus and see how it works out this year," said Carl Weiss, the new superintendent of the Romulus Community Schools. "We need to do this to help us make efficient use of our district's outstanding physical facilities."

Among those who may be most likely to take advantage of the Schools of Choice program are the residents of Romulus's new Highland Estates subdivision, located off Pennsylvania between Middlebelt and Inkster roads in the Halecreek School neighborhood.

"In the past, the district has received many requests from Highland Estates residents to attend Halecreek and Merriman schools," said RCS spokesperson Dick Kruse. "The residents are particularly interested in the Romulus Community Schools' leading-edge technology program, which provides superior technological literacy opportunities with one computer for every two students.

"They are also interested in the district's cooperative arrangement with the Romulus Boys & Girls Club, which, for just \$30 per year, provides weekday child care until 8:30 p.m. for children age six and over," he added.

An additional advantage to adopting the Limited Schools of Choice program is the opportunity to garner nearly \$400,000 in additional revenue from the State of Michigan, which gives Romulus about \$8,500 per student per year. The money would be a welcome addition to district coffers, which have been feeling the strain of rising operations costs.

The enrollment period for the Romulus Community Schools' new "Limited Schools of Choice" program will be from Monday, August 7,

Meeting Will Explain Schools of Choice

On Wednesday, August 2, the Romulus Community Schools will host a Community Meeting for residents who would like to know more about the district's new K-6 Limited Schools of Choice program, which will allow nonresidents to apply for admission to Halecreek and Merriman elementary schools.

The meeting – to be held in the district's administrative offices (located at 36540 Grant Road) beginning at 6 p.m. – will feature a presentation by new superintendent Carl Weiss, who will explain the rationale for this year's plan and answer residents' questions.

Members of the Romulus Board of Education will also be present at the meeting. □

through Friday, August 25, 2006.

For further information, please call the district's administrative offices at 734-532-1610. □

School Board Elects Officers, Adopts Policies

The Romulus Community Schools Board of Education elected new officers for the 2006–2007 school year during its annual statutory meeting, held July 10.

Receiving unanimous support for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer were, respectively, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, and Betty Lenossi.

Other actions taken during the meeting included:

- the designation of Comerica and National City as the district's official depositories;
- the naming of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel, LLP, as the district's auditor;
- the selection of Keller Thoma, PC, as the district's law firm;

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The Romulus Board of Education's officers for the 2006–2007 school year are: (from left) Betty Lenossi, treasurer; Kenneth Mientkiewicz, vice-president; Celeste Roscoe, president; and Niema White, secretary.

Letter to the Editor

Romulus Reader Says Taylor Post Office Doesn't Always Deliver Good Service

To the Editor:

Not long ago, I received a letter from the Taylor Post Office. It said, "Stamps delivered to your door. Quick, Easy, Convenient."

Since poor health makes it difficult for me to leave my home, I thought I would take advantage of the offer. On July 11, I left my order, including my check for the proper amount, in my mailbox for the mail carrier to pick up.

After nearly a week, having received no reply, I contacted the Taylor Post Office on July 17, July 18, and July 19, and received the same answer: "We are just now filling your order; we had to order more rolls of 39-cent stamps."

I did finally receive the stamps on July 20 – nine days later.

Never again will I deal with the Taylor Post Office, which seems to be unconcerned with delivering good service along with the mail. From now on,

I'll be doing all my business at the Romulus branch on Hunt Street – which, for the past 30 years, has always had what I need.

Dolores A. Witzgall
Romulus

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Board Elects Officers; Adopts Policies

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Actions taken during the Board's July 10 regular meeting, which followed immediately after the statutory meeting, included the approval of district memberships in organizations such as the Michigan Association of School Boards, the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies, and the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

During its next regular meeting, held July 24, the Board of Education approved membership in the Middle Cities Education Association, and also designated Thrun Law Firm, PC, as additional counsel for the district.

President Roscoe announced a number of committee appointments, including:

- Policy Committee – Niema White, Cheryle Buckley, and April Frayer;
- Finance Committee – Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Betty Lenossi, and Thomas Kuderik; and
- Personnel Committee – Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik.

Appointments to the Board's District Initiative committees included:

- School-Community Committee – Kenneth Mientkiewicz;
- Technology Committee – Thomas Kuderik;
- Climate Committee – Betty Lenossi;
- Healthy Living Committee – Niema White; and
- Early Childhood Development Committee – Cheryle Buckley. □

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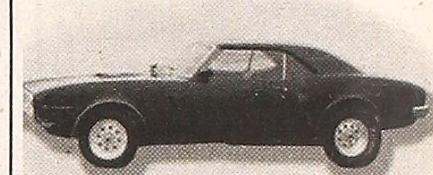
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The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Michael Smith for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Monday, June 26, through Sunday, July 16. (Note: Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

Monday, June 26

- 2:54 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 16200 Middlebelt)
- 7:41 a.m. – Bad Checks (block of 35600 Van Born)
- 8:54 a.m. – Larceny (block of 39300 Buckingham Dr.)
- 9:38 a.m. – Property Damage/Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 6110 Loraine)
- 10:45 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 11500 Whitehorn)
- 11:01 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 11:18 a.m. – Larceny (block of 29000 Airport Dr.)
- 12:11 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 28500 N. Maple)
- 1:08 p.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 38400 Ecorse)
- 1:54 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 7080 Ranger)
- 7:53 p.m. – Assault & Battery (A&B) (block of 11000 Inkster)
- 8:05 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (B&E) (block of 9400 Karen)
- 8:18 p.m. – Threats (block of 5880 Georgia)
- 8:25 p.m. – B&E (block of 15800 Springhill)
- 10:24 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 31900 Newcastle)
- 11:09 p.m. – OUIL (block of 29100 Ecorse)
- 11:32 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (JC/R) (block of 34300 Pine Wood Cir.)

Tuesday, June 27

- 12:53 a.m. – B&E (block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 3:51 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 5840 Panam)
- 7:31 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 30500 Leroy)
- 11:52 a.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 5840 Moore)
- 12:13 p.m. – Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile (UDAA) (block of 28600 Beverly)
- 1:20 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6950 Ranger)
- 1:36 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)

- 2:14 p.m. – UDAA (block of 38600 Tempe)
- 3:04 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 35100 Lynn)
- 3:06 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:37 p.m. – Medical Assistance Rendered (block of 30400 Cherry)
- 5:21 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 8600 Merriman)
- 5:58 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 6970 Ranger)
- 8:53 p.m. – B&E (block of 38200 Barth)
- 11:50 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Brandt)

Wednesday, June 28

- 7:51 a.m. – Indecent Exposure (block of 39200 Pueblo)
- 10:40 a.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect (block of 6970 Canyon)
- 12:10 p.m. – Threats (block of 6760 Merriman)
- 1:54 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 29000 Pennsylvania)
- 5:24 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 36100 Ecorse)
- 8:40 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 36400 Ecorse)
- 9:25 p.m. – Threats (block of 30400 Dorset)
- 11:22 p.m. – JC/R (block of 34200 Pinewood Ln.)

Thursday, June 29

- 12:37 a.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 31200 Ecorse)
- 6:23 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 28900 Highland)
- 8:14 a.m. – Rescue (block of 35700 Genron Dr.)
- 9:09 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 8600 Merriman)
- 10:27 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9650 Wayne)

- 11:31 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 31500 Wick)
- 11:48 a.m. – UDAA (block of 15000 Plain Way)
- 1:50 p.m. – JC/R (block of 30500 Halecreek)
- 3:51 p.m. – Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:01 p.m. – Threats (block of 5930 Metro)
- 8:49 p.m. – Larceny (block of 28400 Ecorse)
- 9:12 p.m. – JC/R (block of 34600 Julie)
- 11:18 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 6040 Edmund)
- 11:34 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 34600 Julie)

Friday, June 30

- 12:25 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 35400 N. Alexander)
- 8:41 a.m. – Larceny (block of 10800 Middlebelt)
- 10:11 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7100 Wayne)
- 10:47 a.m. – OUIL (block of 35200 Ecorse)
- 11:12 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6140 Hyde Park)
- 12:19 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 15000 Mesa Way)
- 1:12 p.m. – PD/MDOP (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:24 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 5800 Wayne)
- 2:08 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 28400 Wick)
- 3:25 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 30500 Dorset)
- 3:29 p.m. – A&B (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 4:28 p.m. – Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Complaint (block of 38900 Buckingham Dr.)

- 6:57 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 9400 Washington)
- 7:31 p.m. – A&B (block of 28400 Ecorse)
- 8:59 p.m. – Larceny (block of 36500 Wick)
- 10:37 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 8220 Wahrman)
- 10:42 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 16800 Brandt)

Saturday, July 1

- 1:08 a.m. – OUIL (block of 15000 I-275 N.)
- 1:33 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 6300 Cordell)
- 1:38 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 9460 Biddle)
- 12:06 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 8220 Wahrman)
- 12:18 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8210 Merriman)
- 12:38 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6950 Niagara)
- 12:51 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 37600 Westvale)
- 2:56 p.m. – Fight (block of 28800 Leroy)
- 3:46 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 6770 Merriman)
- 5:08 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8950 Gabriel)
- 5:47 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 6300 Swan Lake Dr.)
- 7:01 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 9500 Ozga)
- 8:11 p.m. – OUIL (block of 30400 Eureka)
- 11:04 p.m. – JC/R (block of 7100 Niagara)
- 11:06 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 34600 Julie)

Sunday, July 2

- 1:56 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 39100 Nottingham Dr.)
- 2:35 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 39000 Commons Dr.)
- 3:17 a.m. – Fight (block of 8230 Merriman)
- 4:57 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 8230 Merriman)
- 8:06 a.m. – CSC (block of 37700 Westvale)
- 10:11 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 35200 Ecorse)
- 11:16 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6750 Inkster)
- 12:43 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 29300 Van Born)
- 4:00 p.m. – Larceny (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 5:09 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35000 Park Pl.)

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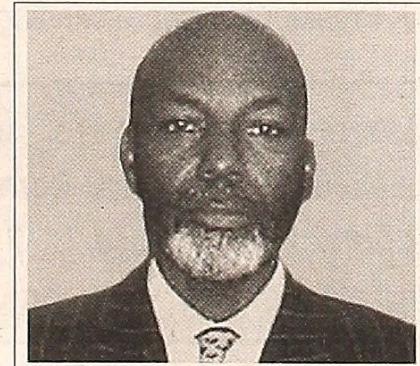
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Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm

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Romulus Schools Offer State's Top Technology And Child-care Programs



- The Romulus Community Schools' technology program features 1 computer for every 2 students (about 2,150 computers for 4,300 students) – by far the best ratio of computers to students in Michigan. This provides students with the opportunity to develop computer literacy at an early age.
- The Romulus Community Schools' educational and athletic facilities are among the finest in southeast Michigan, and feature all air-conditioned buildings with telephone and internet access throughout.
- The Romulus Community Schools' cooperative arrangement with the Romulus Boys & Girls Club provides weekday childcare opportunities until 8:30 p.m. for children age 6 and over for only \$30 per year. Students from the north- and south-side elementaries are transported to the Wick and Merriman club sites via district buses after school each day.
- A total of 335 Romulus High School students have earned \$837,500 in MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) scholarships in the last 7 years.

Other District Highlights Include:

- NCA accreditation for all district schools
- Four State of Michigan Golden Apple and Blue Ribbon Award-winning Schools
- Science fairs at all schools
- A Parent Compact that has led to 1,600 parents donating over 11,000 hours to the district
- First-place winners in Middle and High School Science and Social Studies Olympiads
- An award-winning Health Occupations program
- A State-acclaimed, 500-student band program
- A dance studio, drama club, and play productions
- An award-winning Culinary Arts program led by 2005 National Teacher of the Year Charles Usztics
- Three "A"-graded State of Michigan Education "YES" schools
- All-day kindergarten classes throughout the district
- An award-winning Robotics Team (11th at Nationals)
- Five (out of just 28 statewide) 2005 Michigan Association of School Boards Education Excellence Awards for exemplary district programs
- Security camera systems operational at all district schools
- Wayne County Elementary Teachers of the Year Gerilynn Kline (2005) and Marilyn Wood (2006)
- Two \$25,000 Milken National Excellence in Education Award winners
- Foreign-language classes in grades 7 through 12
- State Championship athletic teams and individuals
- Three (out of just 9 statewide) 2005 Michigan Association of School Boards "Eddy" awards
- A Presidential Award-winning Service Learning program

For summer enrollment information, please call 734-532-1610, or visit the Romulus Community Schools Administrative Offices, 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. For district tours and/or questions, please contact Dick Kruse at 734-532-1626. For virtual tours and further information, please visit www.romulus.net.

Guest Commentary

Michigan's Trash Policy Must Change

By State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood, 22nd District

Michigan is a beautiful state nestled in a quintet of lakes. Our two scenic peninsulas give us our identity. We have an abundance of pristine rivers. We have an enormous amount of scenic landscape. And we have an abundance of landfill space that makes us the cheapest dumping ground in the nation.

For two decades, waste companies have flocked to our state because it is virtually free for them to do their filthy business. Trash now comes to Michigan from far and wide. Trash has turned our beloved state into the nation's third largest importer of garbage. Our Great Lakes State is quickly becoming the Great Waste State. Unchecked, this invasion of trash will ruin our way of life.

Instead of luring jobs, Michigan is attracting trash trucks. More than 400 of them come into our state every day from Canada, shredding our roads and ruining our neighborhoods. In 2005, around 6.2 million tons of trash surged into Michigan from outside our borders, according to the Department of Environmental Quality. That's 100,000 tons more than we got in 2004, and the amount is not likely to go down anytime soon because Republicans lifted a ban on landfill expansion.

After the ban was lifted, at least five landfills applied for expansion, including Pine Tree Acres in Macomb County, Woodland Meadows in Wayne County, Southeast Berrien County Landfill, Whitefeather Landfill in Bay County and Carleton Farms Landfill in nearby Sumpter Township.

The Department of Environmental Quality repeatedly asked the Legislature to reinstate the ban, which would have given the department legal authority to prevent landfill expansion. The Republican-led Legislature refused. Now that the ban is lifted, and since the Carleton Farms Landfill plans to move forward with its expansion, others will follow. That means our communities will be at risk as trash trucks roll through our streets, tearing up the infrastructure, potentially spilling hazardous waste, and even killing motorists. Look at the history of the trash industry.

In 2002 and 2003, several trucks from Canada were caught with radioactive medical waste, blood, and even a ton of marijuana hidden among their cargo of garbage bound for Michigan landfills.

In February 2005, a Canadian trash truck dumped human waste in Flat Rock. A Canadian trash truck killed two men in Huron Township in November 2005. On March 2, a trash truck in Huron Township

dumped human waste on Will Carleton Road. And these were just the trucks that were caught or stopped. Imagine the risks posed by the trucks that are not caught or stopped.

Canadian and out-of-state trash degrades our communities. It harms our natural resources. It threatens our health and our way of life.

And it must be stopped.

House Democrats have been fighting to pass anti-trash legislation that would ban landfills from expanding until 2011, but Republicans refused. Michigan has an estimated 17 years of landfill space left for citizens in the state – but that space is being gobbled up by garbage from other states and Canada.

In addition to fighting to pass anti-trash legislation that would ban landfill expansions, House Democrats have been fighting to pass a plan that would attack the economics of waste.

We want trash companies to pay \$7.50 per ton of trash, the highest dumping charge in the nation. Higher even than Pennsylvania's, whose \$7.25-per-ton charge has been widely credited with helping that state cut imported trash by 14 percent, or 1.5 million tons. That's more than 100 fewer trash truck tearing through Pennsylvania. The dumping charge is working in Pennsylvania. It can work in Michigan.

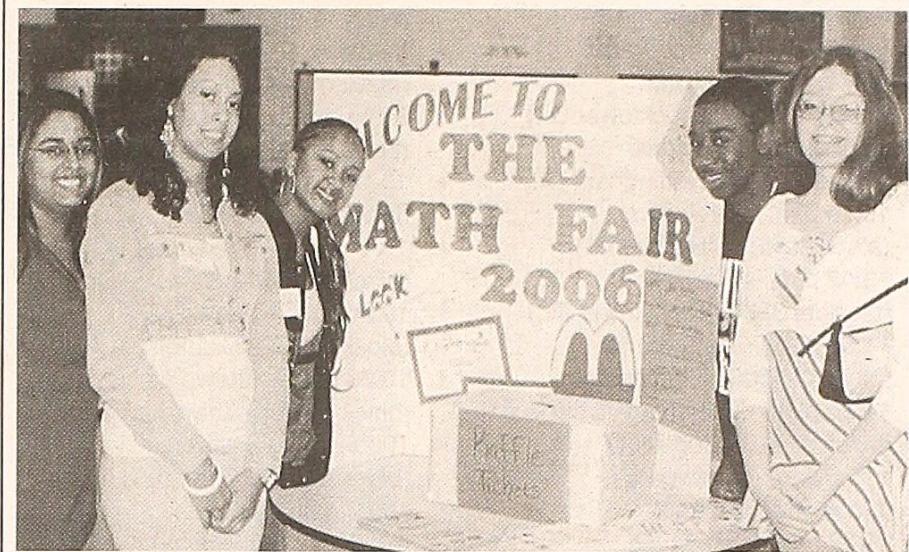
For two decades, waste companies have dumped in our state with impunity, without a thought for the long-term costs to our neighborhoods, to our land, to our water, to our way of life. They have done so because, for two decades, it has cost them about two thin dimes for every ton of garbage they drop into our landfills. In the calculus of the trash trade, this is the textbook definition of maximizing profit margins. Instead of dumping in Pennsylvania, where each ton of trash will cost them \$7.25, these companies now route their trucks and their trains to landfills across Michigan, drawn to our state because these companies want to keep dumping for 21 cents per ton.

Waste companies have gotten filthy rich from the garbage trade. But consider this: We pay to keep our state beautiful. We pay to use our parks. We pay to hunt and to fish. We pay to use our campsites. We pay to keep our neighborhoods beautiful, to maintain our roads, to sustain our infrastructure. In short, we invest time, money and the deep love we have for our state to keep Michigan beautiful.

The cost of letting imported garbage fester like a sore in our state is too high.

Together, we must put a lid on Canadian and out-of-state trash. □

RHS Math Fair = Learning Fun



Presenters at Romulus High School's Spring Math Fair included (from left) Amna Sheikh, Theresa Windom, Brittney Garrison, Carl Gillespie, and Desirea Yates.

A Math Fair organized by Romulus High School teacher Marci Shafer's pre-calculus class this spring was deemed a "total" success by those who participated. The program was intended to create stimulating lessons that would make it fun and easy for students to master advanced math concepts that may sometimes seem dull or difficult.

Shafer began by having each of her students choose a specific math concept, then invent a game, design a display board, and develop a presentation to illustrate the concept in a unique and entertaining manner. The completed projects were organized into a "fair" to which other RHS students were invited.

"The Math Fair was a creative way to learn about math," said Shafer. "It showed that math problems can be easy and interesting if you look at them from a fresh perspective with the help of specialized presentations."

The innovative assignment required students to hone more than just their

math abilities.

"The fair gave my precalculus students an opportunity to work on their presentation skills, and also gave them a chance to see what teaching is all about, since they had to teach others about their chosen math concept," Shafer explained.

"In fact," she added, "several of the students said that they really enjoyed teaching their topics, and would definitely consider teaching as a future career choice."

Among the many imaginative projects that were submitted by Shafer's students were a dart game that Sandra Harris devised to teach a lesson on polar coordinates, as well as Amanda Kreutzer's "treasure hunt" game, which taught players about the angular measurement units of degrees, minutes, and seconds, and then had them use their new knowledge to find their way around a map of the Spanish Main in search of pirate plunder. □



RHS students Lauren Nierman (left) and Heather Leigh (right) enjoyed the "polar coordinates" lesson, which was designed by precalculus student Sandra Harris.

The Police Blotter

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- 7:36 p.m. – Threats
(block of 6150 Hyde Park)
- 9:47 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 38900 Clocktower Dr.)
- 10:13 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 39200 Nottingham Dr.)
- 10:40 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 16200 Harrison)
- 10:42 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 38900 Clocktower Dr.)
- 11:09 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 15000 Streamway)
- 11:25 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 7100 Cogswell)
- 11:26 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 9700 Ozga)
- 11:42 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 17000 Brandt)
- 11:43 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 9770 Wayne)
- 11:56 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 9700 Ozga)

Monday, July 3

- 1:08 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 5900 Metro)
- 8:49 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 7980 Fallow Ct.)
- 9:30 a.m. – Threats
(block of 6010 Colorado)
- 11:32 a.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 5900 Metro)
- 1:28 p.m. – Shots Fired
(block of 31100 Beverly)
- 3:37 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 16200 Eastwind)
- 4:34 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 31400 Eureka)
- 8:26 p.m. – Robbery Alarm
(block of 9960 Wayne)
- 9:21 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 5880 Metro)
- 9:41 p.m. – B&E
(block of 36500 Bibbins)
- 9:53 p.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 28500 Burning Tree Pl.)
- 10:38 p.m. – Robbery
(block of 2080 Rawsonville)
- 11:36 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 7600 Merriman)

Tuesday, July 4

- 1:32 a.m. – Threats
(block of 30000 Van Born)
- 2:30 a.m. – Fireworks
(block of 7080 Niagara)
- 3:01 a.m. – Fireworks
(block of 7080 Niagara)
- 4:53 a.m. – Death Investigation
(block of 12000 Sharon)
- 6:49 a.m. – B&E
(block of 11300 Delano)
- 9:45 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 6310 Middlebelt)
- 12:01 p.m. – Dumping/Littering
(block of 32000 Augusta Dr.)
- 12:52 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 7390 Farnum)
- 2:01 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 13200 Cogswell)
- 2:05 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 15000 Mountain Way)

- 8:38 p.m. – Overdose
(block of 35100 Beverly)
- 8:48 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 15000 Brandt)
- 9:10 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 13000 Homefield)
- 10:10 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 15000 Meadow)
- 10:11 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 32600 Gateway Dr.)
- 10:20 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 9520 Biddle)
- 10:23 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 7040 Shawnee)
- 10:26 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 7080 Carson)
- 10:27 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 7100 Wayne)
- 10:46 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 16000 Ridgebrook Path)
- 11:05 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 6000 Biddle)
- 11:08 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 30500 Dru)

Wednesday, July 5

- 12:04 a.m. – Fight
(block of 34400 McBride)
- 12:40 a.m. – Man with a Weapon
(block of 6350 Colorado)
- 2:10 a.m. – B&E
(block of 7180 Dodge)
- 2:13 a.m. – B&E
(block of 6990 Carson)
- 7:48 a.m. – B&E
(block of 6500 Cogswell)
- 8:12 a.m. – B&E
(block of 14000 Harrison)
- 12:00 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 6060 Colorado)
- 12:03 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 11300 Grover)
- 12:37 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 28700 Halecreek)
- 1:58 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 10000 Diane)
- 4:51 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 30900 Ecorse)
- 8:02 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 39100 Clocktower Dr.)
- 8:33 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 16200 Wildfox)
- 9:20 p.m. – Fraud Complaint
(block of 33200 Gateway Dr.)
- 11:51 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 11000 Moore)

Thursday, July 6

- 4:28 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 6100 Second)
- 12:18 P.M. – PD/MDOP
(block of 9440 Washington)
- 1:22 p.m. – Larceny
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:57 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 35600 Margaret)
- 3:21 p.m. – Death Investigation
(block of 34800 McBride)
- 4:08 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle
(block of 32100 Bruce)
- 5:33 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 15000 Meadow)
- 5:48 p.m. – Threats
(block of 28900 Goddard)

- 10:24 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 9510 Michael)
- 10:51 p.m. – Recovered UDAA
(block of 6050 Essex)
- 10:57 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 33900 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 11:14 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 9520 Michael)

Friday, July 7

- 12:19 a.m. – Loud Music
(block of 28600 N. Maple)
- 3:27 a.m. – B&E
(block of 27900 Arbor Ct.)
- 8:10 a.m. – Threats
(block of 9440 Biddle)
- 9:43 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 6350 Dexter)
- 1:01 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 1:45 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:03 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 9200 Middlebelt)
- 10:13 p.m. – Fight
(block of 28100 Aircoach)
- 10:20 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble
(block of 9500 Biddle)
- 11:03 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 7780 Merriman)
- 11:21 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 36000 Bibbins)
- 11:53 p.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 13400 Huron River Dr.)
- 11:57 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 15000 Mountain Way)

Saturday, July 8

- 12:17 a.m. – Neighbor Trouble
(block of 32100 Bruce)
- 1:17 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 27400 Goddard)
- 1:23 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 15000 Colbert)
- 2:16 a.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 5960 Metro)
- 3:07 a.m. – JC/R
(block of 8600 Wickham)
- 8:54 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 6320 Hyde Park)
- 9:30 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 6990 Cogswell)
- 9:59 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 36600 Goddard)
- 10:30 a.m. – Robbery
(block of 5920 Washington)
- 10:52 a.m. – Threats
(block of 16400 Middlebelt)
- 2:07 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 5800 Metro)
- 4:09 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 15500 Meadow)
- 5:57 p.m. – Fight
(block of 35400 I-94 E.)
- 8:12 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 9960 Wayne)
- 9:23 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 16300 Cork Tree)
- 9:57 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 36900 Goddard)
- 10:05 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 35700 Wick)
- 10:12 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 28300 Leroy)

Sunday, July 9

- 1:15 a.m. – JC/R
(block of 9800 Marc)
- 10:46 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 30400 Teak Ln.)
- 1:16 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 16400 Middlebelt)
- 2:32 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 30700 Cherry)
- 6:35 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 15000 Mesa Way)
- 7:14 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 29400 Wick)
- 8:38 p.m. – Robbery
(block of 6950 Niagara)
- 9:05 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 35600 Van Born)
- 11:56 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 30700 Cherry)

Monday, July 10

- 12:43 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 11500 Wahrman)
- 1:23 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 16200 Cedar Way)
- 7:25 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 6400 Cogswell)
- 7:31 a.m. – B&E
(block of 16800 Braeburn Dr.)
- 8:29 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 28300 Eureka)
- 8:59 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 38400 McDonald Dr.)
- 12:59 p.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect
(block of 5910 Esther)
- 1:18 p.m. – Threats
(block of 31300 Ecorse)
- 3:50 p.m. – Health & Safety
(block of 34200 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 4:08 p.m. – Bad Checks
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- 5:17 p.m. – Health & Safety
(block of 14600 New York)
- 5:29 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 37600 Walnut)
- 6:35 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 6810 Niagara)
- 8:13 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 35800 Van Born)
- 9:02 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 6090 Biddle)
- 9:47 p.m. – Panic Alarm
(block of 29900 Beverly)
- 10:01 p.m. – Fight
(block of 9520 Biddle)
- 10:42 p.m. – A&B
(block of 15000 Mesa Way)

Tuesday, July 11

- 12:22 a.m. – Recovered UDAA
(block of 8230 Merriman)
- 8:20 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 35800 Beverly)
- 8:48 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 35500 N. Alexander)
- 9:09 a.m. – Harassment Complaint
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:18 a.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 35800 Sussex Dr.)
- 11:06 a.m. – B&E
(block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 11:26 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 30200 Beverly)

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Romulus High Drama Club Presents *The Canterbury Tales*



(From left) The Romulus High School Drama Club's recent presentation of *The Canterbury Tales* featured performances by Kyle Sherwood (The Pardon), Arielle Morgan (The Prioress), Sara Hurt (The Hostess), Jennifer Lammers (The Wife of Bath), Adam DeLay (The Reeve), Michael Bujak (The Miller), Kevin Stobbe (The Franklin), and Kaleb Heil (The Cook).



(From left) Stars of "The Miller's Tale" included Garrett Lefler (John), Michael Bujak (Absolon), Dakota Watson (Nicholas), and Jennifer Lammers (Allison), while "The Prioress' Tale" featured Antonio Armstrong (The Fox), Sarah Godfrey (Pertelote, The Hen), and Kevin Stobbe (Chanticleer, The Rooster).

The Romulus High School Drama Club presentation of Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales* received a standing ovation from large crowds after both performances at the RHS auditorium. The Drama Club's version of *The Canterbury Tales* was a modern-day adaptation by Lindsay Price that used modern English with the addition of some modern humor.

Price's version of *The Canterbury Tales* is a story about seven pilgrims and a tavern hostess who set out on a pilgrimage to the shrine of Thomas Beckett in Canterbury, England. The pilgrims, each representing a different social sphere, tell stories to entertain each other, with the best storyteller to win a meal at the expense of the others. The characters encounter many hardships along the road, and find a variety of life's pleasantries and challenges on their journey.

"The two-and-a-half-hour play kept audience members on the edge of their seats, and was extremely well done throughout," said district spokesperson Dick Kruse. "All actors and actresses knew their lines, and delivered them with professional aplomb. Student diction and projection were also first-class during all eight of the tales."

"The superb performance was augmented by outstanding costume and scenery/prop work, as well as a stage crew that functioned with precision timing," he added.

Kruse said he was additionally impressed by the efforts of staff director Shannon Collum Mullins, production crew advisor Christina Witt-Dobski, costume designers Sue Hurt and Ann Lammers, student director Sara Hurt, and stage director Megan Bearman, all of whom did a fantastic job.

"Their dedication, along with the dedication of the entire cast, was evident throughout the performance," he noted.

"Everyone in Romulus can be truly proud of this RHS Drama Club presentation," Kruse concluded. □

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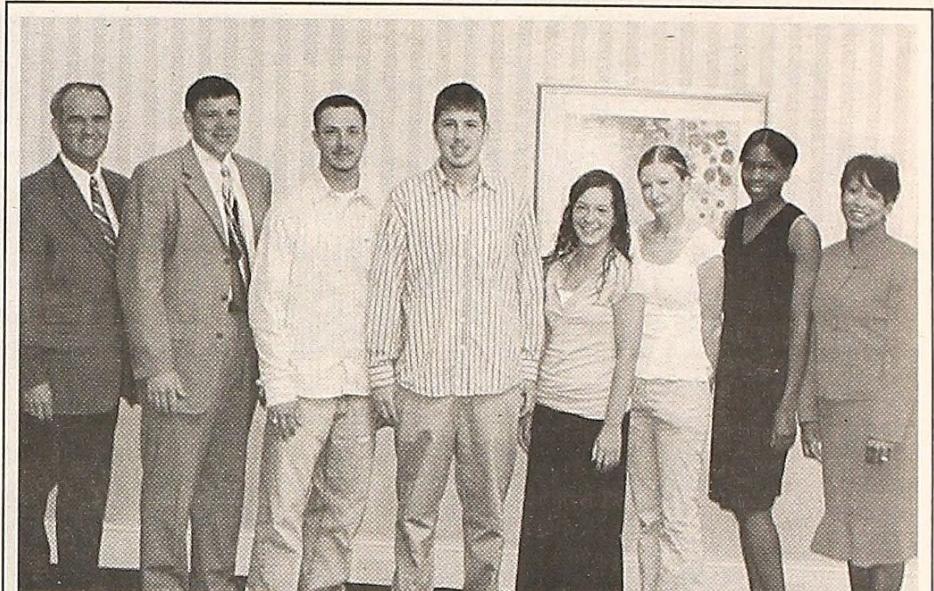
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Romulus High School Athletics Brunch Honors Senior Athletes



Romulus Board of Education trustee Betty Lenossi (left), treasurer Niema White (second from right), and vice-president Celeste Roscoe (right) congratulated four-year varsity letter winners (from left) Lindsay Beregsasy (volleyball), Chelsea Smith (softball), Jeremy Trevorow (soccer), and Dean Gilbert (golf) at the annual RHS Senior Athletics Brunch.



Romulus Board of Education secretary Kenneth Mientkiewicz (left), trustee Thomas Kuderik (second from left), and trustee Cheryle Buckley (right) congratulated four-year varsity letter winners (from left) Brian DeMoisey (baseball), Justin Maupin (lacrosse), Jennifer Hunter (tennis), Courtney MacDougall (soccer), and Landria Buckley (track).

Romulus Community Schools Athletics Director Mark Woodson was pleased to honor 51 senior athletes from Romulus High School at the annual Senior Athletics Brunch, held at the Doubletree Hotel. The athletes, who were recognized for their participation in sports during their RHS careers, attended the special program with their parents, coaches, and members of the Romulus Board of Education.

Guests were treated to a buffet brunch, video highlights of senior athletes, and a rousing speech by Dr. Clarence Underwood, a former Athletics Director at Michigan State University.

"Dr. Underwood talked about overcoming obstacles in life and never giving up," said Romulus Community Schools spokesperson Dick Kruse. "He gave the example of Abraham Lincoln, who twice went broke in business, and lost a long string of elections for local and national

office before winning the presidency in 1860."

Underwood also gave a narrative on his own background, describing how he had to walk five miles to school each day and do his homework by candlelight in rural Alabama.

"You will have times when somebody or some event will knock you down, but you just have to be able to get up and try harder," he told the athletes. "Don't make any excuses, and don't blame anybody else; just get up and do it."

Dr. Underwood received a standing ovation after his speech.

RCS Athletics Director Woodson expressed his appreciation to his coaching staff, Athletics Department secretary Paula Smith, members of the Romulus Board of Education, RHS Principal Dan Hurst, and RHS head custodian Bill Garland for their support of the district's athletics program.

"We have a great number of talented athletes and outstanding teams that compete favorably for state-level Division I championships," Woodson said. "I look forward to working with everybody next year, and hopefully we can bring some more team and individual championships to the Romulus community in the future."

State Division I championships were won this year by RHS senior Brittany Howard, who set a new Division State Meet record of 18'8" in the long jump, and by the men's 800m relay team of Darryl White, Mario Crawford, Donzell Carter, and Shane Wells, who won their event in 1 minute, 28.05 seconds.

All-State designations were also earned by RHS students Tamila Myles (second, 800m), Aurielle McCauley (second, 300m hurdles), and Shane Wells (second in 110m hurdles and 300m hurdles).

Athletics Director Woodson additionally honored 10 senior athletes for 4 years of varsity-level participation in various sports. These honorees included Lindsay Beregsasy (softball), Landria Buckley (track), Brian DeMoisey (baseball), Dean Gilbert (golf), Jennifer Hunter (tennis), Courtney MacDougall (soccer), Justin Maupin (lacrosse), Chelsea Smith (softball), Jeremy Trevorow (soccer), and Joshua Zirkle (cross country). □

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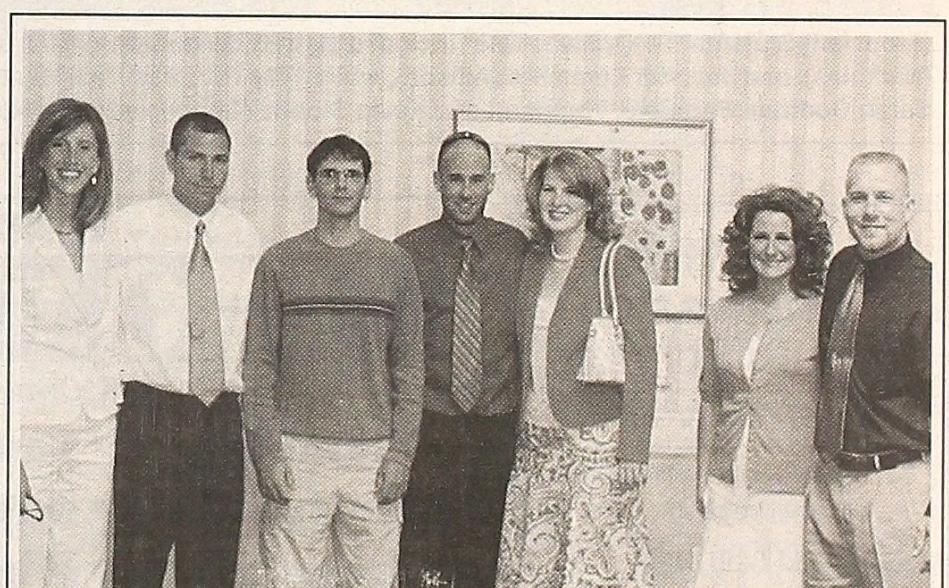
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Among the coaches who were present at the Senior Athletics Brunch were (from left) Harry Hunter (Romulus High School volleyball), Paul Niedermeyer (RHS golf), Paul Polanski (RHS lacrosse), Bill Garland (Romulus Middle School wrestling), and David Cooper (RHS wrestling and JV football).



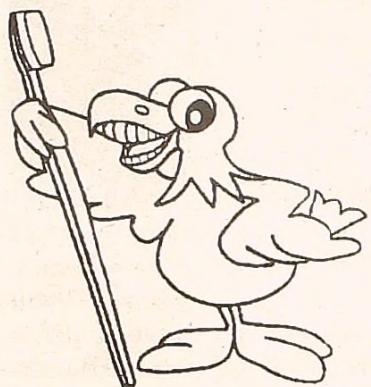
Additional coaches and guests in attendance were (from left) Jaime Hockin (RHS girls' soccer), Joel Hockin (RHS boys' soccer), Joe Burgireno (RHS boys' track), Ken Beesley (RHS cross country/track), Sarah Beesley (Ken's wife), Amanda Ladach (wife of RHS football coach Matt Ladach), and Matt Ladach.

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UM, Romulus Schools Join Up for Special Filmmaking Project

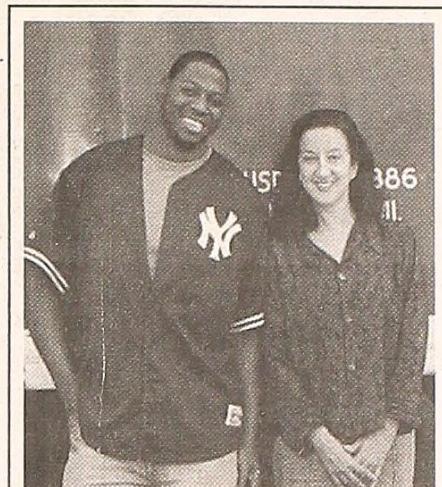
The University of Michigan and the Romulus Community Schools are currently collaborating to produce a special film, according to district spokesperson Dick Kruse.

"*Bilal's Stand* is a true-story movie that explores the theme of social mobility vs. community abandonment," Kruse explained. "It focuses on the life of an inner-city high-school senior and his family's longtime taxi-stand business, which has been the family's main focus of activity and primary source of income for the last 60 years."

"The family wants Bilal to carry on with the family business, but he takes up ice-carving and wins a college scholarship," he continued. "Bilal is thus forced to decide whether he will continue working at 'The Stand,' or pursue a college degree and higher empowerment."

Many of the film's scenes are being shot at Romulus High School, where Culinary Arts Department head Charles Usztsics has inspired dozens of students to enter (and take top prizes in) the annual Plymouth Ice-carving Competition. Usztsics, who was named National Culinary Arts Teacher of the Year by a leading professional journal in 2005, will be featured in the movie, which is being directed by Sultan Sharrieff, an RHS alumnus who founded the UM Ice-carving Team.

"Sharrieff has been active in the arts programming community as a producer of *The Spiral Project* (a 35mm feature film), filmmaker of *Mural* (a documentary about the University of Michigan rugby team's trip to Thailand to help with tsunami relief), and a producer of *Fulfill a Hankering* (a 25-minute, 16mm film)," noted Kruse. "He has also served as a student representative to arts organizations such as the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Cool



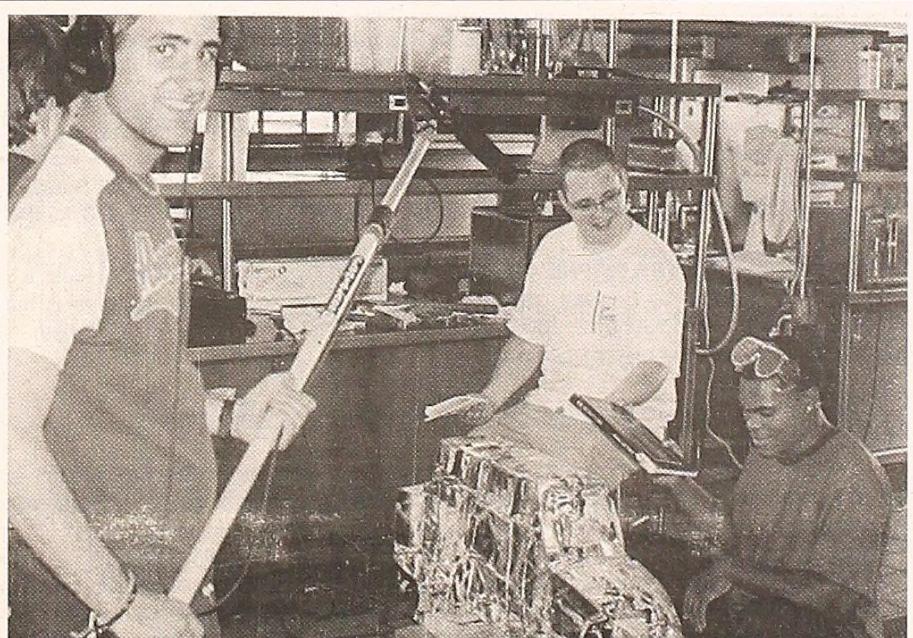
RHS alum Sultan Sharrieff (left), director of *Bilal's Stand*, talked with University of Michigan filmmaking professor Terri Sarris, who is leading her class in the production of the film.

Cities Conference. His résumé additionally includes two years as an intern for the Ann Arbor Film Festival, and three years as assistant director for the Arts on the Hill program."

Kruse said that the making of *Bilal's Stand* is an EFEX (Encouraging the Filmmaking Experience) project.

"EFEX allows for an exchange of ideas and experiences between university students and community members," he explained. "The project focuses on combining filmmaking with service learning, and serves as a new model for interaction between UM and the Detroit-area creative-arts community."

EFEX project organizers are asking for donations of food to help support the 30-member cast and crew during the filmmaking period, which will extend through August 11. To contribute, contact Sharrieff (ssharije@umich.edu) or Mark Hickner (Hickner@umich.edu/ 989-992-4396). □



(From left) Assistant director Tom Lucido and sound manager Jeff Murdoch work with Julian Gant, who portrays the film's title character.

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STATUTORY MEETING, JULY 10, 2006

The Statutory Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 10, 2006, was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Vice-president Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member April Frayer was excused. Administrators present were: Carl Weiss, Superintendent; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-president Roscoe.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

Mr. Carl Weiss, Superintendent, asked for nominations.

Nominations Opened for the Office of President

Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, to nominate member Roscoe. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of President was closed. Member Roscoe elected President unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Vice-president

Moved by White, supported by Roscoe, to nominate member Mientkiewicz. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the office of Vice-president was closed. Member Mientkiewicz elected Vice-president unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Secretary

Moved by Lenossi, supported by Buckley, to nominate member White. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the office of Secretary was closed. Member White elected Secretary unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Treasurer

Moved by White, supported by Buckley, to nominate member Lenossi. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the office of Treasurer was closed. Member Lenossi elected Treasurer unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORYES:

7/06/1 Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education name Comerica and National City to continue as depositories, and that the President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent of Schools continue to have the authority to sign authorizing documents requiring two of the five actual signatures or facsimile signatures. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

7/06/2 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education schedule their meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for the 2006/2007 school year. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

NAMING OF AUDITOR:

7/06/3 Moved by White, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education employ the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel, LLP, to act as auditors for the Board of Education for the 2006/2007 school year. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

NAMING OF ATTORNEYS:

7/06/4 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by White, that the Board of Education employ the firm of Keller Thoma, PC, to act as attorneys for the Board of Education for the 2006/2007 school year. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS POLICIES:

7/06/5 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education adopt the existing policies of the Romulus Community Schools. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/06/6 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Lenossi, that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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- 12:30 p.m. – B&E
(block of 5940 Crystal Lake Dr.)
- 12:43 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 7100 Merriman)
- 1:31 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 10100 Diane)
- 2:08 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 5930 Middlebelt)
- 6:26 p.m. – B&E
(block of 15500 Brandt)
- 6:34 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble
(block of 28300 Bonanza)
- 8:32 p.m. – Fight
(block of 15500 Orchard)
- 8:56 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 15300 Orchard)

Thursday, July 13

- 2:59 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 35200 Michele)
- 5:38 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 35500 Hawthorne Dr.)
- 7:07 a.m. – UDAA
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(block of 15500 Colbert)
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(block of 34700 Julie)
- 9:22 p.m. – B&E
(block of 13500 Kent)
- 9:51 p.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 15700 Birch Ct.)
- 10:00 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 8450 Merriman)
- 10:19 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 34000 McBride)

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PUBLIC NOTICE**Equal Opportunities in Career/Tech**

Romulus High School offers career and technical programs that provide equal opportunities for students to be eligible for state testing in 21st-century occupations such as power plant technician, auto technician, health occupations, emergency management systems, premechanical, architectural and civil engineering, drafting, culinary arts, and credit union management. Some introductory classes begin in the 10th grade, and full course work covers the 11th and 12th grades. Call the Romulus High School counseling department (734-532-2400) for more information.

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PUBLIC NOTICE**Nondiscrimination Statement**

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1977, it is the policy of the Romulus Community Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender, age, disability, age, height, weight, or marital status, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program, activity, or service, or in employment. For more information, contact the Romulus Community Schools Human Resource Office, 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, MI 48174; 734-532-1662.

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Friday, July 14

- 12:03 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 8230 Merriman)
- 1:09 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 30900 Ecorse)
- 10:49 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15600 Orchard)
- 11:10 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9470 Lisa)
- 11:21 a.m. – Larceny (block of 35600 Smith)
- 12:06 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 16700 Wahrman)
- 12:08 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 31100 Flynn Dr.)
- 12:10 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 31200 Ecorse)
- 12:37 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 35400 Goddard)

- 1:18 p.m. – UDAA (block of 9400 Biddle)
- 2:20 p.m. – UDAA (block of 6750 Niagara)
- 2:51 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 13400 Hannan)
- 3:17 p.m. – 'Man with a Weapon' Report (block of 35600 Smith)
- 3:25 p.m. – B&E (block of 9440 Biddle)
- 3:48 p.m. – Fight (block of 33300 Swan Lake Ct.)
- 4:51 p.m. – JC/R (block of 6010 Chamberlain)
- 5:55 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35600 Margaret)
- 11:27 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 8600 Merriman)
- 11:56 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 37400 Heroux)

Saturday, July 15

- 1:46 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 6370 Central)
- 2:00 a.m. – B&E (block of 6360 Colorado)
- 3:11 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6050 Biddle)
- 7:28 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9290 Washington)
- 8:38 a.m. – Trespassing (block of 16700 Glasgow Ct.)
- 11:13 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 16200 Hillsbriar)
- 12:05 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 15600 Isabelle)
- 12:50 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 13500 Cogswell)
- 12:59 p.m. – A&B (block of 5910 E. Maple)
- 1:24 p.m. – B&E (block of 28300 Sequoia)

- 1:39 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 38300 Castle Dr.)
- 2:08 p.m. – Rescue (block of 36500 Bibbins)
- 2:17 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15700 Isabelle)
- 4:11 p.m. – B&E (block of 15700 Isabelle)
- 4:57 p.m. – A&B (block of 9190 Wickham)
- 5:36 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 7780 Merriman)
- 9:51 p.m. – JC/R (block of 28600 Zellmer)
- 11:03 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35500 Garner)

Sunday, July 16

- 12:49 a.m. – Larceny (block of 35700 Garner)

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ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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REGULAR MEETING, JULY 10, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 10, 2006, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member April Frayer was excused. Administrators present were: Carl Weiss, Superintendent; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Mr. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Roscoe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

7/06/7 Moved by White, supported by Buckley, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

7/06/8 Moved by Buckley, supported by Mientkiewicz, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Budget Hearing – Regular Meeting of June 26, 2006, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following Personnel Actions for Board approval.

FYI – TERMINATION – Employee did not complete the requirements for the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001": Carol Adams-Fulton, Paraprofessional, Barth Elementary School, Effective June 30, 2006; and Irene Sandusky, Paraprofessional, Cory Elementary School, Effective June 30, 2006.

Bills for Payment

7/06/9 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mrs. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

District Memberships

7/06/10 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Kuderik, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the Michigan Association of School Boards at a cost of \$5,649.00 for the 2006–2007 school year. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/06/11 Moved by Kuderik, supported by White, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies for the 2006–2007 school year at a cost of \$2,089.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/06/12 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Buckley, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2006–2007 school year at no cost to the district. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Committee Appointments

Board members are to let President Roscoe know of their interests for serving on various board committees. Appointments will be made at the next meeting.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications and expressions from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Carl Weiss, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of

the Board of Education: 1) Halecreek Elementary – Year-end Report; and 2) Romulus High School – Year-end Report.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz asked that procedures and policies with regard to expenditures, mileage, reimbursements, etc., be provided to employees. He further asked about a paragraph being omitted from the High School Year-end Report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

7/06/13 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education convene in Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, White, and Roscoe. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

7/06/14 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education convene in Regular Session. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, White, and Roscoe. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 8:10 p.m.

STUDENT APPEAL DECISION:

7/06/15 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED: That on May 25, 2006, a due-process hearing was held before an impartial Hearing Panel regarding charges against the Student (#20004033) for violations of the Student Code of Conduct. Specifically, the student was charged with violations of Building Rules and Regulations, and Weapons and Dangerous Weapons.

FURTHER: That the Student and his Parent have been informed of, and have been given, their due-process rights as detailed in the Student Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Hearing Panel's Decision recommended that the Student be suspended from attendance at the Romulus Community Schools for the remainder of the 2005–2006 academic year and the first semester of the 2006–2007 academic year. The Student may apply to return for the second semester of the 2006–2007 academic year. Such application may not be made before November 1, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board agrees with and adopts the Decision of the Hearing Panel that the Student (#20004033) did violate the Student Code of Conduct by violating the Building's rules and regulations, and possessing a weapon and/or dangerous weapon. The Board further agrees with the Hearing Panel's recommended disciplinary action that the Student be suspended from attendance at the Romulus Community Schools for the remainder of the 2005–2006 academic year and the first semester of the 2006–2007 academic year. The Student may reapply for the second semester of the 2006–2007 academic year. Such application may not be made before November 1, 2006. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/06/16 Moved by Buckley, supported by White, to adjourn. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Niema White, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

Community Calendar

- Wayne County Health & Safety Fun Fest** – Wayne County's Health & Safety Fun Fest – to be held at the Westland Salvation Army (2300 Venoy Road) on Friday, August 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – will feature childhood immunizations, dental screenings, lead testing, hearing & vision screenings, blood pressure and glucose screenings, and other health-related checks, as well as attractions like face painting, prizes, snacks, and more! For further information about the event, call 734-727-7037.
- Wayne County Fair** – The 60th annual Wayne County Fair will be held August 4–12 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds (10871 Quirk Rd., near I-94 and Belleville Rd.). For more information, visit www.waynecountyfair.com or call 734-697-7002.
- Vacation Bible School** – The Romulus Wesleyan Church will host a Vacation Bible School program in August. The program will kick off with a preregistration picnic at Mary Ann Banks Park on Sunday, August 13, from 1 to 5 p.m., then continue at the church (37300 Goddard, at Five Points) August 14 through August 18 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Call 734-941-1511 for more information.
- "Second Monday" Book Club** – Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's new Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Copies of the suggested books will be available at the library, or library staff members can assist you in getting an interlibrary loan. Books planned for upcoming discussions are: *Beasts of No Nation* by Uzodinma Iweala (August 14), *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man* by John Perkins (September 11), *Eva Moves the Furniture* by Margot Livesey (November 13), *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway (December 11), and *Beneath the Ashes* by Sue Henry (January 8, 2007). For more information, please call 734-942-7589.
- Chamber Hosts Golf Outing** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Golf Outing fund-raiser on Thursday, August 24, at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course (39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne). Registration will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a continental breakfast and practice-range session; shotgun start time is 11 a.m. The event will conclude with a banquet/awards program at 4 p.m. Prizes, door prizes, and raffles will also be featured. Cost is \$120 per player. Call Karen La Belle at the Chamber (734-326-4290) or David Goodwin (734-287-2400).
- "Teen Idol" Audition Tapes Sought** – Audition tapes for the upcoming "Romulus Teen Idol" competition – open to male and female vocalists ages 13 to 19 – are currently being solicited by the Pumpkin Festival Committee. To enter, send a copy of your tape (which cannot be returned) and your contact information to: Romulus Teen Idol, c/o Romulus City Hall, 11111 S. Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174. Tapes must be received by the Committee no later than September 1, 2006, to be considered for the contest. Finalists selected during the audition process will go on to perform at the Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, September 16. Call Marianne Guzall (734-955-4502) for more information.
- Pumpkin Festival Bingo Benefits Animal Shelter Fund** – Among the highlights at the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival will be the fourth annual Bingo Benefit for the Friends of the Romulus Animal Shelter Fund. The event, to be held at the new Romulus Senior Center at the corner of Bibbins and Shook, will run from 5 p.m. to midnight on Friday, September 15; noon to midnight on Saturday, September 16; and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 17. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Romulus City Councilman Bill Wadsworth at 734-941-0616 or Joe Ozog at 941-3466.
- Romulus Head Start Accepting Registrations** – The Romulus Head Start program is currently accepting registrations for the 2006–2007 school year. Sign up at the Burton Center (35408 Beverly Road) any weekday (except holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Allow 60 to 90 minutes to complete all necessary forms. For more information, including a list of materials that must be provided at the time of registration, call 734-532-1903.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907.

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Maternal Grandparents _____

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Paternal Grandparents _____

Address _____

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Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): _____

Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

The Stork Arrived

Brandon Thomas & Allie Jean Mackens

Pat and Anida Mackens of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of twins: Brandon Thomas and Allie Jean Mackens.

Born in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (Ann Arbor, MI) on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, Brandon (who arrived at 12:37 p.m.) weighed 2 lbs., 4 oz., and measured 14 in., while Allie (who followed just a minute later) weighed 2 lbs., 7 oz., and measured 13.25 in.

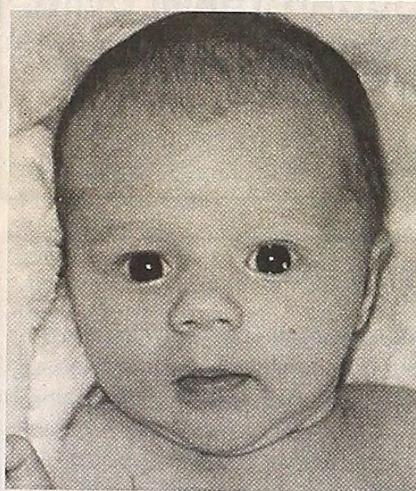
Among those giving the twosome a warm and loving welcome into their new family were paternal grandmother Frances Mackens of Monroe, Michigan, and maternal grandparents Howard and Wendy Keller of Romulus.

Brandon and Allie's paternal grandfather is the late Les Mackens.



Brandon and Allie Mackens

Grace Abigail Fernley



Grace Abigail Fernley

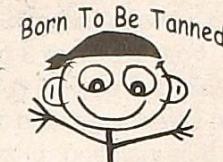
Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Grace Abigail Fernley, are Kevin and Jaime (Luczak) Fernley of Brighton, Michigan.

Grace was born at the University of Michigan Birth Center (Ann Arbor) at 5:44 a.m. on Sunday, February 26, 2006, weighing 6 lbs., 15.5 oz., and measuring 19 in.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm and loving welcome into the family were her paternal grandparents, Ralph and Diane Fernley of Livonia, Michigan, and her maternal grandparents, Rick Luczak of Romulus, Michigan, and Jason and Bonnie Frontiera of Hamburg, Michigan. □

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Wedding Bells

William Joseph Sovinski III and Kelly Lenay Simonie

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Simonie of Canton, Michigan, are proud to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Kelly Lenay Simonie, to William Joseph Sovinski III, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sovinski, Jr., of Romulus, Michigan.

The couple – engaged since May 21, 2005 – will exchange their wedding vows at St. Thomas A'Becket (Canton, MI) on Saturday, September 9, 2006.

Standing up with Bill will be best man Joe Confer and groomsmen Scott Marquette and Matthew Simonie. Kelly will be attended by maid of honor Marjorie Sovinski and bridesmaids Kaitlin Sovinski, Johanna Sovinski, and Angela Sovinski. Jake Hagemann and Katelynn

Hagemann will act as junior groomsman and flower girl, respectively.

A reception at the Northville Hills Country Club will immediately follow the ceremony.

Both Bill and Kelly are alumni of Dearborn Divine Child High School (Class of 2000). Bill, a graduate of the University of Michigan, is currently employed as an accountant at Rennie & Assemacher, PC, in Dearborn Heights. Kelly, who is also a UM graduate, is employed in the Human Resources Department at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

After honeymooning in Florida, the couple will return to the home that they just purchased in Westland. □

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- 3:11 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9190 Wickham)

- 9:13 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 15800 Ridgebrook Path)
- 9:58 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 4:13 p.m. – Rescue (block of 6520 Merriman)
- 5:51 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9690 Washington)
- 7:04 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 11200 Wahrman)
- 9:30 p.m. – Missing Person (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:32 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9670 Essex)
- 10:18 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7950 Silo Dr.)
- 10:42 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35200 Ecorse)
- 11:05 p.m. – A&B (block of 34200 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 11:51 p.m. – Larceny (block of 8000 Merriman) □

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Obituary

Edouard Kesner

Edouard Kesner of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at the age of 86.

Edouard, who grew up in New York City, made his performance debut at the age of 7, playing the Paganini Violin Concerto with the Stamford Symphony (CT) and receiving rave reviews. The graduate of the Juilliard School of Music studied with Aaron Hirsch, Samuel Gardner, Leopold Auer, and Jacque Fracht.

A musician of widely contrasting talent, Edouard was equally at home in either the classic or jazz idiom, and played other instruments such as the piano, trombone, and viola. He had performed frequently on radio and television, and had been involved in many recordings. Over the years, he played with Les Brown and the Dorsey Brothers as well as the St. Louis, Baltimore, and Chautauqua symphonies, and performed under such great conductors as Bruno Walter, Erich Leinsdorf, Vladimir Golschmann, Leopold Stokowski, and Paul Paray.

In 1951, Edouard was invited by Mischa Mischakoff to play principal second violin in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, a position he held for 35 years. He also had been concert master of the Dearborn Orchestra during its 30 years. Other career highlights included teaching at both Oakland and Wayne State universities; working on the staff at Motown Records; and playing with the NBC Symphony under Arturo Toscanini, one of the most famous "world-class" conductors who ever lived.

Edouard is survived by his wife, Martha (O'Brien) Kesner; a son, Howard (Alice) Kesner; 4 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Among those who preceded him in passing was his first wife, Rosalind (Fogel) Kesner.

A memorial service for Edouard was held on Friday, June 30, at the Community United Methodist Church (Romulus).

Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus). □

Obituaries

Karen R. Ark

Karen R. Ark of Dearborn, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at the age of 44.

Karen – who was born in Dearborn on Wednesday, May 16, 1962 – had attended Romulus Community Schools, where she participated in softball, cheerleading, and the yearbook staff.

She is survived by her parents, Ronald G. and Janet R. (Edgerton) Ark (Romulus, MI), and a daughter, Alicia Danielle (Romulus).

Her brother, Kenneth R. Ark, preceded her in passing in 1982.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, July 1, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus), with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial tributes to the Ark family or the National Kidney Foundation would be greatly appreciated.

Alice I. Harvey

Alice I. Harvey of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at the age of 75.

Alice was born in Inkster, Michigan, on Sunday, July 27, 1930. She enjoyed doing crafts and playing slot machines.

Surviving Alice are a son, Roger A. (Gloria) Harvey; a daughter, Denise Timmerman; a brother, Carl Dryer; 8 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased her were her parents, William and Clare (Krey) Dryer; her husband, William E.

Harvey, Jr. (who passed away on October 30, 2005); a son, Wayne L. Harvey (February 26, 2006); 3 brothers, Leonard, Herb, and Howard; and 4 sisters, Shirley, Elsie, Lillian, and Vera.

A funeral service was held on Friday, July 21, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Frank Martin officiating. Interment was at Washtenong Memorial Park & Mausoleum (Ann Arbor, MI).

Memorial tributes to Community Hospice would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Violet L. Pawlowski

Violet L. Pawlowski of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, July 6, 2006, at the age of 85.

Violet was born in Essex, Ontario, Canada on Tuesday, November 30, 1920. A parishioner at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus), she was a former member of the Altar Society, and had also worked on the annual church festival and the school hot-lunch program. She also enjoyed taking pictures, and was a current member of the Engelbert Humperdinck Fan Club.

Surviving Violet are 2 daughters, Denise Pawlowski (Romulus) and Janet L. Crook (Romulus); 5 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Among those who preceded her in passing were her parents, Charles and Fannie (Oulette) Cox; her husband, Henry Pawlowski; a son-in-law, Castle Crook, Jr.; 3 brothers, Arthur, Donald, and Cecil Cox; and a sister, Florence Hadyniak.

A funeral service was held on Monday, July 10, at St. Aloysius Church, with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial tributes to St. Aloysius or the Alzheimer's Association would be greatly appreciated by the Pawlowski family.

Hal F. Riedeman

Hal F. Riedeman of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, July 14, 2006, at the age of 82.

Hal, a veteran of the U.S. Army, was born in Toledo, Ohio, on Sunday, August 12, 1923. His interests included playing saxophone and performing in both the Dexter Community Band and the Ypsilanti Community Band.

Surviving Hal are 2 sisters, Marian C. (Harold) Wetzel (Cincinnati, OH) and Suzanne E. Lawson (Ossineke, MI); 3 nieces; 4 nephews; and 3 great-nieces

and -nephews.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, Carl A. and Elsie D. (Cowdrey) Riedeman, and his brother, Carl G. Riedeman.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 19, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Marvin Hawbaker (Calvary Baptist Church, Romulus) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes to the Romulus Animal Shelter would be appreciated.

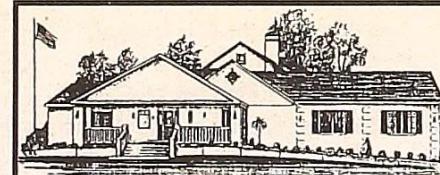
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